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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The Budget Process

Rob Simmons, SSCI Staff Director, was asked today what happens after the SSCI agrees on the Agency budget. (Scheduled markup is Tuesday, 10 April 84.) Simmons' answer:

Once SSCI members are in agreement, the bill is filed and the SSCI notifies the Senate Foreign Relations, Judiciary and Armed Services Committees and any other committee having a possibility of sequential action. (Process is called "30 days sequential referral.") The Senate Budget Committee was given marks by 15 March and is supposed to take up the bill during the week of 9 April. If the SBC sets a ceiling, the SSCI must comply. The budget could be ready to go to the floor in May if sequential referral goes smoothly.

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